Acton Scott Thursday
Nov 28 1857

My dear Gray

Before I left home a month ago I was exceedingly busy finishing up two or three things I had on hand and was not aware you were getting on so rapidly with Wright's plants therefore I did nothing with his Leguminosæ I shall not be home now till the 5th or 6th Dec but will immediately send you the Coffeaunggia &c &c as to the Dalea I fear you will have the trouble of characterising them yourself for you have already studied them and it would take me some time at present to work up the genus as I must do before I publish any

Thanks for the Chromolæna fruit

Mrs Bentham will have told Mrs Gray of the [illegible] we have enjoyed

of poor Bromfield — I have just heard of the death of another Botanical patron though not much of a Botanist Mr Fielding of Lancaster who bought Drewett's Rufford herbarium and had accumulated in various ways a very large herbarium is just dead.

Yours very sincerely

George Bentham